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more than half of the units of the 3rd Brig. were in the rural areas to "liquidate the bandits". ("Bandits" was commonly used to refer to members of resistance groups who were in hiding, as well as common bandits.)

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- a. All officers and enlisted personnel were assigned to duty with the KBW only after careful selection. Not everyone could be a member of the Corps. 25X1
- b. KBW units were composed of specially chosen, trusted troops; their duty was to maintain order and security throughout Poland.
- c. The units of the KBW, located in towns and villages, were always ready to fight and exterminate the internal enemies of the country; i.e., "bandits" who opposed socialism and democracy, and capitalists who exploited the workers and peasants.

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the units of the 3rd Brig. of the KBW were assigned the following duties in 1948 and 1949: 25X1

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- a. The training battalion trained the recruits and remained most of the year in Lublin or in the training camp in Majdanek /5114N-2236E/. Heavy machine gun and mortar companies were also billeted in the Lublin barracks.
  - b. There was usually at least one rifle company on guard duty in Lublin. Two platoons guarded the prison there, one platoon guarded the post office and national bank, and one platoon guarded the training camp at Majdanek.
  - c. Some battalions, companies, and platoons were deployed in the rural areas; exact locations and duties were regarded as military secrets.
  - d. The 3rd Brig. was responsible for the security of the whole voivodship of Lublin. [redacted] other battalions and companies of the Brigade were in the following districts in 1948 and 1949; 25X1 Hrubieszow /5048N-2355E/, Krasnystaw /5059N-2311E/, Lukow /5155N-2223E/, Siedlce /5210N-2218E/, and Wlodawa /5134N-2333E/.
  - e. The 1st Co., [redacted] was on duty in the following outposts: the village of Brzozowka /5051N-2222E/ from July to 25X1 September 1948; the village of Losice /5213N-2243E/ from September 1948 to February 1949; and later in the small town of Parczew /5138N-2254E/. 25X1 and the daily training was interrupted from time to time when the whole company, platoon, or squad was alerted and sent (mostly by trucks or requisitioned peasant carts) to some village, forest, or similar area to look for "bandits", to search villages or houses for arms, to watch roads or houses, or to lie in ambush. 25X1 Usually, on such occasions, officers of the Security Police (UB) would accompany the KBW unit. [redacted]
4. In June 1948, the classes of 1926 and 1927 were inducted into the 3rd Brig. of the KBW, and in June 1949, the classes of 1927, 1928, and 1929 as well as volunteers of the class of 1930 were inducted. An overwhelming majority of the recruits were of the peasant and working class. Most of them had only an elementary school education. A few had completed high school. The recruits came from almost every 25X1 part of Poland; the largest groups were from Warsaw, Poznan, Silesia, and Pomerania. [redacted]
  5. When off duty, the recruits talked mostly about their homes, families, or the occupations to which they hoped to return after their release. There was hardly any other subject except training and maneuvers because everyone was afraid of informers who were in almost every squad or platoon. [redacted] no [redacted] library. Only newspapers were 25X1 available in the company reading room. The newspaper articles, about competitions between the workers in different factories, cooperatives and kolkhozes, how to fight against the warmongers, etc. were often read [redacted] and commented on by the officers. 25X1
  6. So that the political officers could convert the enlisted men to Communism, [redacted] lectures two to four hours weekly on political 25X1 education and history of Poland. The majority of recruits only pretended to take these lectures seriously; they memorized only what was necessary to pass examinations. The majority of the soldiers were good Catholics, but because the prayers and church services were frowned upon, only a few attended church. The rest prayed in private.

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